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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS

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MARCH 6, 1974, A-1715, MARCH 4, 1974, A-1666, FEBRUARY 28, 1974  
AND A-1789, MARCH 5, 1974.

1. EMBOFF HELD WORKING LEVEL CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTRY "LOS ACTION OFFICER" REGARDING USG VIEWS ON  
NUMEROUS LOS ISSUES AS TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM  
AND AIRGRAM SINCE RECEIPT REFTEL. AT SAME TIME SPANISH  
LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS THIS REGARD WERE PRESENTED FOR  
STUDY BY GOP.

2. DURING CONVERSATIONS WHICH ENDED WITH FOREIGN OFFICE  
COMMITMENT TO STUDY US VIEWS CAREFULLY, FOLLOWING GOP VIEWS  
WERE ADVANCED:

A) PARAGUAY TENDS TO SUPPORT MAXIMUM MEASURES TO PRE-  
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VENT MARINE POLLUTION BUT MAY FIND ITSELF

NEUTRALIZED IN EVENT IT IS CAUGHT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ON THIS ISSUE; THIS HAPPENDED AFTER THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE WHEN ARGENTINA BROADENED POLLUTION ISSUED TO COVER ITS DIFFERENCES WITH BRAZIL REGARDING EXPLOITATION OF THE HYDROELECTRIC POTENTIAL OF THE PARANA RIVER.

B) ON TERRITORIAL SEAS, LANDLOCKED PARAGUAY WILL SUPPORT THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL SEA, WILL OPPOSE "ARTIFICIAL EXTENSIONS" OF TERRITORIAL SEAS INTO THE HIGH SEAS, AND WILL WORK FOR A SHARE OF RESOURCES OF HIGH SEAS FOR LANDLOCKED STATES.

C) GOP FAVORS GREATEST POSSIBLE FREEDOM TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OUTSIDE OF TERRITORIAL SEAS.

D) PARAGUAY WILL SUPPORT COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF LOS DISPUTES.

E) GOP AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF AN LOS CONVENTION AND FORESEES NO INTERNAL LEGAL IMPDEIMENTS TO THIS END.

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